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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and comments provided herein. Claims 1-29 are pending in this application. Claims 19, 24, and 26 have been amended. Claims 1-18 and 22 have been canceled. Upon entry of the above-referenced amendments, Claims 19-21, 23-29 are presented for further examination.

Discussion of Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 2, and 11 are cancelled by the present amendment. Accordingly, their rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 is moot.

Discussion of Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-7, 8-18 are cancelled by the present amendment. Accordingly, their rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 is moot.

With regard to Claims 19-21 and 23-29, Claims 19 and 26 have been amended to variously recite the features of Claim 22, which the Action found allowable if rewritten into independent form. Particularly, the Action noted that “the prior art of record fails to disclose or fairly suggest, in combination with the other claim steps, a method comprising depositing a conductive shielding over internal walls of via holes, and depositing an insulating layer over said conductive shielding” (Page 15). As Claims 19 and 26 variously recite these features, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of their rejection. Claims 20, 21, 23-25, and 27-29 variously depend from Claims 19 and 26, and are therefore allowable for at least the reason that they depend from an allowable base claim.

No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, Applicant is not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure,

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including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that Applicant has made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has endeavored to address all of the Examiner's concerns as expressed in the Office Action. Accordingly, arguments in support of patentability of the pending claim set are presented above. Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed features recited above represent only illustrative distinctions. Hence, there may be other patentable features that distinguish the claimed inventions from the prior art.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and, particularly, that all claims be allowed. If the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of these claims that could be clarified with a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call the undersigned.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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